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Welcome to the players and supporters of Sheffield Wednesday F.C. and our sympathy to all "Daily Mirror" readers who may be on their way down to Bournemouth this evening as they were informed that we were playing Sheffield Wednesday down there! If tonight's game results in a draw, the replay will definitely take place at Hillsborough on Monday, 12th November, 1973 (K.O. 7.30 p.m.). We shall undoubtedly regret mentioning this but, if Rangers win or draw tonight, a new club record will be established of 21 home games without defeat. The existing record of 20 home games without defeat was set up between 26th November, 1966, and 9th Sepember, 1967, and was equalled when we beat Arsenal.

THE VERDICT IS YOURS

In the last issue of this programme we asked you to vote on whether you would like us to retain the 10p colour programme for the remainder of the season or revert to our 16 page 7p black and white format. Your response was absolutely overwhelming: as we go to press, not a single vote has been cast for the 7p programme and we have a 100 per cent request for the 10p programme to continue. Many of you sent glowing letters of praise for the new colour publication and Mr. B. Gowan, Bedfont, even organised a petition of 28 names in its favour! Your editor thanks you all for this massive vote of confidence and you may rest assured henceforth that, as long as Rangers' gates continue to justify the heavy printing costs involved, you shall have colour plates in this programme.

So where are the colour photographs tonight then? Well, frankly you caught us napping. Colour printing takes a great deal longer to organise than printing in black and white and, when your voting letters eventually arrived, it was too late to include colour photographs in this issue. We have, however, printed extra pages and have retained the 10p purchase price as a change back to 7p for one evening only would cause chaos and infuriating delay among the late arrivals for a 7.30 p.m. kick-off. Some superb colour photographs are already lined up for future issues, however—wait till you see the excellent colour shot in the Coventry City programme on Saturday of Stan Bowles out-foxing Bob McNab in the Arsenal penalty area!

A COUPLE OF PROMISING YOUNGSTERS

This incident at Charlton Athletic recently interested us as it involved two young players with considerable Promise. We understand their names are Gordon Jago and Brian Clough. Mark our works—these young men will go far. (Photo: Sport & General Press Agency as discovered by Charlton Athletic General Manager, Rodney Stone).

TWO GREAT GOALS

A couple of the best goals scored by Rangers this season—and both came from Mick Leach. (Left) That superb and unstoppable shot at Wolverhampton Wanderers. (Right) The header that caught Newcastle United napping! (Photos: Peter Dansie and John Brough)

MICHAEL WALE'S

RANGERS REPORT

Another article in our series from the top columnist

Ron Howard

As inflation drives up the price of players, and the supply of talent seems to be decreasing by a corresponding ratio, so the job of the football scout becomes more important than ever. Ron Howard is the man Rangers depend upon for the raw material of the future.

Ron took over in the summer when Derek Healy went to Crystal Palace but he'd been working with Derek since 1966. As he points out: "Seventy-five per cent of the playing staff at Rangers are home produced." And already some of the young players Ron himself found are playing in the reserves, players like Ray Searry, Gary Williams, Paul Kempton and Alan Mayes.

This high percentage of success for young players is a factor in Rangers favour when we are competing against the more established London clubs like Tottenham and Arsenal. It's always better to join a club where you stand a good chance of getting into the first team, than an outfit which relies upon the transfer market for its new players.

When you chonsider that our substitute is often either John Delve, Ian Evans or Martin Busby, then you can gauge the depth of our home produced talent.

Yet as optimistic as all this looks the future might well be bleaker than many of us think at the moment. Ron admits: "I'd say without any doubt that there's no slacking off in interest in coming into pro football, but the source is drying up because of so many other interests. Whereas schoolboys in the past would really be looking to turn to pro football there are a proportion of boys with ability who turn to other things, like watching sport on television, travel, things like that. Kids years ago would spend a day at Southend and that would be the extent of their holidays; now it's Spain, Yugoslavia—the living is a little softer than it was. Without doubt being a pro footballer is a hard grind, the rewards are there, but any boy coming into the game thinking that it's only one and a half hours on a Saturday afternoon is wrong".

It has always puzzled me that London's thriving black community has not provided more players. Here, surely, is an area of equality where truly only ability matters, and I was heartened by Ron's answer: "I think black people will come into the game, there are already players like Brendan Batson at Arsenal, and several London school district sides have many black players, especially areas like Islington and Brent. At present there are not enough coming through into the game. I think they have got to be born here, and I think in the next two years or so you'll start to see black players coming into the game more and more."

Of course the big question every proud parent or ambitious young boy wants to know is how he can join Rangers? Over to Ron: "We don't hold trials for anyone who is not recommended to us. We might get a letter from a parent or boy himself. We always reply but we have to say that they must be recommended by either a schoolmaster or youth club team manager. Then if the boy or parent feel strongly enough about it this is what will happen. We spend a lot of time watching school and youth games and I don't think we miss much. But we are always open to recommendation, but, as I say, it must come from a schoolmaster or youth club manager. We have trials for twelve-year-olds and upwards. When we get a recommendation then we go and watch that boy. Then again the new school leaving age of sixteen has made things that bit more difficult because a boy cannot join the club or play for us until he has left school."

Apart from his job of chief scout Ron also prepares weekly reports on our next opponents for the first team to study. I look more for their pattern of play than the form of individuals, their system, any particular formations, their strengths and weaknesses."

For example these were Ron's views about Arsenal which helped to their two goal downfall: "As far as they were concerned it was a peculiar report because, to begin with I found that there was not one set piece throughout the Arsenal game I watched where anything but a high ball was played to Kennedy or George. I was surprised, and that may upset their coach Bobby Campbell. I noted that we should watch the ability of Charlie George, he is quick and very good at running off the ball. There was also the heading ability of Kennedy, and the overall performance of Georgie Armstrong. He is a really great player. If they had 11 George Armstrong's you couldn't play against them. Their weaknesses I felt were down the flanks with Rice and McNab being at times a little over-adventurous, leaving space behind them that could be used."

As for never being able to watch the fruits of his scouting and team reporting poor Ron admits he hardly ever sees Rangers play. "I'm always one match ahead on a Saturday. But I saw the games against West Ham, home and away, and the win over Tottenham."

By the way before he came into soccer Ron was in purchasing. A rather apt training for a man building the future for Rangers.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS BEING SAID?

Send us a caption for this photograph (depicting referee Tommy Dawes and Stan Bowles in the Birmingham City game) and the most amusing entry will win two complimentary tickets for a forthcoming game. Answers to "Caption Competition, QPR F.C., London, W.12" please.

APPEARANCES & SCORERS

(Figures in parenthesis represent goals scored)

FIRST TEAM (Div. I)		
Up to Sat., 27th Oct., '73		
Bowles	14	(5)
Givens	14	(5)
Hazell	14	
Leach	14	(3)
Parkes	14	
Venables	14	(1)
Clement	13	
Mancini	13	(1)
Thomas	13	(2)
Francis	12	(3)
McLintock	7	
Watson	6	
Delve	3	
Abbott	2	(1)
Evans	2	
Busby	1	
Gillard	1	

RESERVE TEAM (Football Combination & London Challenge Cup)		
Up to Sat., 27th Oct., '73		
Williams	15	
Mayes	14	(5)
Teale	14	
Kempton	13	(1)
O'Rourke	12	(4)
Searry	12	(1)
Abbott	11	(7)
Beck	11	
Evans	11	(1)
Gillard	11	
Busby	8	(1)
Delve	8	
Morgan	7	(1)
French	5	(1)
McLintock	3	
Sanders	3	
Wilson	3	
Calder	1	
Hewson	1	(1)
Watson	1	
Jones, S.	1	

JUNIOR TEAM (S.E.C. League & S.E.C. League Cup)		
Up to Mon., 29th Oct., '73		
Breton	9	(1)
Calder	9	
Male	9	(4)
Hewson	8	(1)
Huckle	8	
Mason	8	(1)
Stewart	8	
Wilson	8	(6)
Barker	6	(2)
Dunn	6	
Jones, S.	6	
Sanders	6	
Smith	5	
Ross	4	
Houlton	3	
Trower	3	
Creasey	2	
Euston	2	
Schaufler	2	
Tagg	2	
Theodotou	2	
Jones, G.	1	
Neri	1	

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

THE VISITING TEAM ARE PUT UNDER THE MICROSCOPE BY

TONY PULLEIN

examines the past playing history and achievements of todays opponents

Sheffield Wednesday finally ended their marathon second round tie against Bournemouth after 330 tense minutes of Cup battling. Mike Prendergast settling things with a brilliant goal during extra time of the third game at Hillsborough last Monday. So now Wednesday stand within 90 minutes of equalling a club record.

If they should manage to win today they would go into the fourth round of the League Cup for only the second time. And they have never survived beyond that stage.

The season so far has been rather disappointing for manager Derek Dooley and his team. Backed by close-season signings Bernard Shaw and Ken Knighton, brought in respectively in defence and midfield, Wednesday had hoped to make a serious bid for promotion.

Mainly due to poor away results—unless they succeeded at Aston Villa on Saturday, they have only two away points so far—Wednesday find themselves closer to the bottom, than the top, of the table.

Dr. Dooley did not stand idly by as his team dropped down the table. He made numerous changes and to date has used 21 players in his first-team. The only two to play in every game were former Rangers' goalkeeper Peter Springett and new defender Bernard Shaw.

Injuries, too, have taken their toll. Willie Henderson, Tommy Craig, John Holsgrove, Peter Rodrigues and Brian Joicey have all been forced to miss games.

In the circumstances, Mr. Dooley's staff has been fully stretched. Among those brought in was young full-back Daniel Cameron for his first taste of senior football, Mick Kent, signed from Wolves in September, and Eddie Prudham who scored one of the goals in that eventful victory over Bournemouth.

Though it has been a worrying time, the situation is so close in the Second Division—now that increased scope for promotion is available—that a couple of wins might put Wednesday right back in with a promotion chance.

Tonight, though, Wednesday's thoughts will be concentrated upon Cup success. While they have not got a very good record in the League Cup, Wednesday have enjoyed one or two good runs in the F.A. Cup.

Last season they reached the fifth round and it is only seven years since they got to Wembley, losing 2—3 to Everton after holding a 2—0 lead.

In the following two seasons they progressed to the sixth and the fifth rounds.

It was in 1970 that Wednesday lost their First Division place. Since then all efforts have been channelled into planning for a return in the shortest possible time.

With one of the finest grounds in Europe, Wednesday belong in the First Division. It has been sad watching a steady decline in attendances at a ground which can accommodate almost 60,000.

The first replay against Bournemouth this season drew only 5,883 spectators — Hillsborough's smallest attendance since the war. Home League crowds have dropped from last season's average of 17,600 to around 14,500.

Thus, great is the incentive to get back into Division One and virtually guarantee a regular 30,000 crowd.

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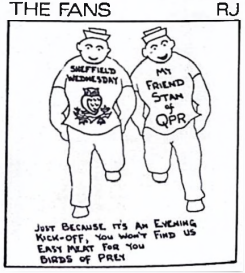

QUEENS PARK RANGERS EXPERTS T. PULLEIN and D. BUXTON

DEREK BUXTON

our statistics wizard, looks back on the other times we have played todays visitors

By beating Tottenham at home in the second round of this competition, QPR have extended their unbeaten run at home to eight matches. They were last beaten by Burnley on 31st October 1967, and still retain their record of never having failed to score at home, even though this game is the 24th time they have played at home.

QPR supporters will not wish to dwell too long on QPR's away record at Hillsbrough. They have made eight visits to Wednesday's ground—and have drawn once and lost seven times—scoring two goals to Sheffield's 16.

Sheffield Wednesday paid their first visit to Loftus Road on 23rd April, 1949. QPR were 12th in the table, Wednesday were eighth. Wednesday took the lead against the run of play, and in spite of QPR doing most of the pressing Wednesday were 2—0 up at half-time. Bill Heath scored soon after half-time, and it looked as though QPR were going to get least a draw, but Wednesday scored again and won the match 3—1.

The next two matches both ended in draws. The sides drew 0—0 in 1950, 2—2 in 1951 (Bert Addinall and Conway Smith scoring for QPR).

The sides didn't meet again until 1968, and since then Wednesday have visited Loftus Road on four occasions—and gone away pointless each time.

In the First Division match, played on 12th October 1968, 19,044 spectators—a record for this fixture at Loftus Road, saw QPR gain their second successive home win in First Division football (which is still a record!).

Wilks opened the scoring in 19 minutes and 15 seconds. Les Allen took a corner on the left wing, Roger Morgan back heeled the ball, and Wilks cracked the ball home. In 58 minutes and 31 seconds, Barry Bridges put QPR two up from a pass by Mike Keen, and QPR went three up in the 66th minute and 45th second, when Leach beat three tackles to score.

QPR nearly gave a point away however. In the 87th minute and 20 second, Kelly cleared straight to Eustace, who drove it back past him from 40 yards. 2 minutes and 10 seconds later, Witham volleyed a lob from Ford to make the score 3—2.

On 6th April 1971, 11,371 saw QPR win the second of these last four matches. In a match in which QPR probably outplayed Wednesday QPR only won by one goal to nil thanks to a brilliant display of goalkeeping by Peter Grummitt. He was beaten by Rodney Marsh in the 39th minute, when Marsh scored his 21st goal of the season from a Mike Ferguson pass.

On the 14th August 1971, 13,270 people saw QPR complete a hat-trick of victories. All three goals came from dead ball situations. Marsh was brought down by Ken Burton in the 10th minute and he converted the penalty. In the 21st minute Marsh scored from a flicked free kick from outside the area by Terry Venables. Just before half - time, Venables chipped a free kick over a wall of defenders for Gerry Francis to nip in and score.

Wednesday's last visit was on 19th August last year, the second year running that they were the first visitors to Loftus Road in the season.

In the first minute Gerry Francis scored from 20 yards, 10 minutes later O'Rourke outsped Swan, and scored easily from just inside the area.

Don Givens, making his home debut netted the third goal in the 24th minute following a corner kick.

Dave Sunley reduced the arrears in the 56th minute when he headed home a cross by Rodriques, but Mike Leach restored QPR's two goal advantage in the 75th minute when he converted a cross by Gerry Francis. Dave Sunley scored a second goal 10 minutes from time.

OUR VISITORS' RECORD SO FAR THIS SEASON

HOME			AWAY		
Blackp'l	0—0	B'nem'th (LC) 2—2	Swindon	1—3	Cardiff 1—0
W.B.A.	3—1		Nottm. F.	1—2	W.B.A. 0—2
Carlisle	1—0		Millwall	0—1	
C. Pal'ce	4—0	Notts C. 0—0	Brist'l C.	0—2	
P'tsm'th	1—2	B'nem'th (LC) 2—1	Sunderl'd	1—3	
Millwall	3—2		B'nom'th LC	0—0	

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PEN PICTURES BY **TONY PULLEIN**

Back row (left to right): Ron Staniforth (Coach), Ken Knighton, Jimmy Mullen, Jim Craig, Peter Grummitt, Ray Coyle, Peter Springett, Bernard Shaw, Peter Eustace, Alan Thompson, — Eggington (Physiotherapist), Derek Dooley (Team Manager). Front row (left to right): Eric Potts, David Sunley, Eddie Prudham, Mick Prendergast, Tommy Craig, John Holsgrove, Willie Henderson, Brian Joicey, Peter Rodrigues, Johnny Sissons.

PETER SPRINGETT (Goalkeeper)

Peter who left Rangers in a unique swop for his goalkeeping brother Ron in 1967, has regained his place after almost three years in the reserves After his transfer, Peter won six England under-23 caps. **League record: Q.P.R. 139 aps.; Sheffield Wed. 135 aps.**

DANIEL CAMERON (Defender)

In his younger days, Daniel was a reserve for the Scottish schoolboy XI. He turned professional in July 1971 and made his League debut against West Bromwich last month. **League record: Sheffield Wed. 2 aps.**

PETER RODRIGUES (Defender)

Wednesday paid £50,000 for Peter in October 1970. Cardiff was the club who originally spotted him playing in the Welsh youth XI. He made his League debut for them in September 1963. Leicester paid £40,000 for his signature in 1965. **League Record: Cardiff 85 aps., 2 gls.; Leicester 138 aps., 6 gls.; Sheffield Wednesday 111 aps., 1 gl.**

ALLAN THOMPSON (Defender)

Allan, a former captain of Liverpool Boys XI, made his League debut against us in September 1970 and has held a place in the team for much of the while since. **League record: Sheffield Wed. 80(6) aps., 1 gl.**

JIMMY MULLEN (Defender)

Jimmy has been with Wednesday since 1969 when he signed schoolboy forms. He made his League debut in 1970/71, gaining a regular place last season. **League record: Sheffield Wed. 40(2) aps., 2 gls.**

BERNARD SHAW (Defender)

A former England youth and under-23 international, Bernard payed most of his early football in Sheffield—but for rivals Sheffield United. He left the Blades for Wolves in 1969 and signed for Wednesday this summer. **League record: Sheffield United 135(1) aps., 2 gls.; Wolves 113(2) aps., 2 gls.; Sheffield Wed. 14 aps.**

PETER EUSTACE (Midfield)

Peter returned to his original club in 1972 following a two-year spell with West Ham. In January 1970 West Ham paid £90,000 for his transfer but he never seemed to settle in London. **League record Sheffield Wed. 189(3) aps., 20 gls.; West Ham 41(2) aps., 6 gls.; Rotherham 6 aps., 1 gl.; Sheffield Wed. 27(5) aps., 3 gls.**

ERIC POTTS (Midfield)

Another product of Wednesday's youth scheme, Eric made his initial appearances in the first-team during 1970/71 but had been only an occasional performer until gaining a regular place this season. **League record: Sheffield Wed. 21(8) aps., 2 gls.**

ROY COYLE (Midfield)

Wednesday signed Roy from Glentoran in March 1972 and now he is a regular member of the Northern Ireland national team though he has not always been in the Wednesday team this season. **League record: Sheffield Wed. 24 aps., 1 gl.**

WILLIE HENDERSON (Midfield)

Willie joined Wednesday in 1972 from Glasgow Rangers where he won many honours at club and international levels. He was a member of Rangers' European Cup-Winners Cup final eleven in 1967. **League record Rangers 274(3) aps., 37 gls.; Sheffield Wed. 30(3) aps., 4 gls.**

KEN KNIGHTON (Midfield)

A £50,000 summer signing from Hull City, Ken learned his game with Wolves, and also turned out for Oldham Athletic, Preston and Blackburn Rovers. **League record: Wolves 13(3) aps.; Oldham 45 aps., 5 gls.; Preston 62 aps., 3 gls.; Blackburn 70 aps., 11 gls.; Hull 79(1) aps., 9 gls.; Sheffield Wed. 11 aps., 1 gl.**

DAVID SUNLEY (Striker)

David is a Wednesday discovery who really came into his own last season. He had made only occasional senior appearances over the previous two campaigns but last season rocketed into the wanted list of many big clubs when he hit 12 goals. **League record: Sheffield Wed. 78(7) gls., 18 gls.**

BRIAN JOICEY (Striker)

Brian has been top scorer in each of his two seasons since his £45,000 transfer from Coventry, netting 20 goals last term. He scored the winning goal for North Shields in the 1969 Amateur Cup final at Wembley and signed professional for Coventry in December that year. **League record: Coventry 31(8) aps., 9 gls.; Sheffield Wed. 86 aps., 33 gls.**

MIKE PRENDERGAST (Striker)

Mike was Wednesday's top scorer with six goals before the weekend, three of them against Crystal Palace. He scored on his League debut in 1969 and three seasons back ended up leading scorer. **League record: Sheffield Wed. 101(4) aps., 34 gls.**

THE TEAM'S GOING PLACES ARE YOU GOING WITH THEM ?

MANCHESTER CITY
(Saturday, November 17th, 1973, K.O. 3 p.m.)

Travelling by Car

Approximately 200 miles from West London. Compiled by the Royal Automobile Club.

Leave by Westway and Western Avenue to the junction with the North Circular (A.406). Turn right onto the North Circular and continue to Brent Cross Flyover. Filter left onto the A.41 and follow the signs to the start of the M.1. Proceed by the M.1 northward to Intersection No. 19. Follow the M.6 to Intersection No. 19. Continue by the A.556 and A.56 via Altrincham to Manchester ... ... 200 miles

Enter Manchester by the Chester Road (A.56) and continue to the junction with Edge Lane (B.5215). Turn right onto Edge Lane and continue to the junction with Wilbraham Road (B.5093). Bear left onto Wilbraham Road and continue to the junction with Lloyd Street South—which is about two miles on—and turn left onto Lloyd Street South. Turn right onto Platt Lane and continue to the junction with Maine Road turn left and the ground is on the left (see Town Plan).

Routes to the car parks have been signposted by the RAC but watch for any special signs including diversions.

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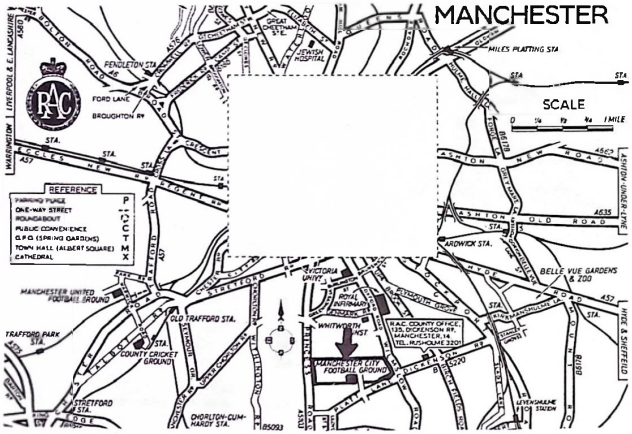

Travelling by Train

Depart Euston 10.00, arrive Manchester (Piccadilly) 12.43. Depart Manchester (Piccadilly) 5.40, arrive Euston 8.31. Cheap Day Return £5.10.

Rally Round the Rangers

Rangers H.Q. at Manchester City will be opposite the Main Stand.

F. L. CUP

FIRST DIVISION CLUBS NOW DOMINATE

By TONY PULLEIN

It's Cup-tie time again. And, if the League Cup's recent record is any guide, it is a certain time for excitement. This is the 14th League Cup tournament and so far not one year has gone by without several new records being broken.

Last season Spurs became the first club to win this trophy for a second time. And several clubs achieved their best-ever performance.

Since the League Cup became a passport into Europe, the big clubs have taken it much more seriously. This is reflected upon the larger percentage of First Division sides surviving to the later stages, to the exclusion of giant-killers who once were the rule, rather than the exception.

For the past two years all four semi-finalists have come form the First Division—something that had never happened before. This ended the bi-annual tradition, started by ourselves, of Third Division clubs reaching Wembley—Rangers and Swindon won the Cup in 1967 and 1969. Aston Villa were beaten finalists in 1971.

The League Cup has come a long way since it was first introduced, amid much criticism. The first League Cup ties—Bristol Rovers v. Fulham and West Ham v. Charlton—were played on September 26th, 1960, but, only two days after those first-round ties had been settled Leeds and Blackpool, who had received byes, met in the second round while 21 first-round ties had still to be played.

The public became confused when, on several occasions, there were first-round, first-round replays, second-round and second-round replays ... all on the same day!

A Rangers' player still shares the record for the best individual scoring feat in a League Cup tie, Alan Wilks hitting five goals against Oxford in 1967/68. This equalled the record set up by Southampton's Derek Reeves, who scored five against Leeds in 1960/61.

Tony Brown, of West Bromwich, was the first man to net in every round when Albion beat West Ham in the 1966 final. The only player to score in every game including both legs of the semi-final—was Clive Clark, also West Bromwich, in 1966/67.

Only two clubs have established record attendances for a League Cup tie—Darlington (21,864 v. Bolton in November 1960) and Lincoln City (23,196 v. Derby in November 1967).

Last season's top scorers in the League Cup were: 5—Kevin Keegan (Liverpool), Graham Paddon (Norwich), Martin Peters (Tottenham). 4—Martin Chivers (Tottenham), Jim Bone (Norwich).

Top scorers each season in the League Cup before last season:

1960/61 Gerry Hitchins (A. Villa) 11; 1961/62 Ray Charnley (Blackpool) 6; 1962/63 Ken Leek (Birmingham) 8; 1963/64 John Ritchie (Stoke) 10; 1964/65 Tony Hateley (A. Villa) 10; 1965/66 Tony Brown (W.B.A.) and Geoff Hurst (West Ham) 11; 1966/67 Rodney Marsh (Q.P.R.) 11; 1967/68 John O'Hare (Derby) and Jim Fryatt (Torquay) 6; 1968/69 Don Rogers (Swindon) 7; 1969/70 Jeff Astle (W.B.A.), John Byrom (Bolton), Francis Lee (Man. City) and Rodney Marsh (Q.P.R.) 5; 1970/71 Martin Chivers (Tottenham) 7; 1971/72 Martin Chivers (Tottenham) 7.

After its rather shaky beginnings, the League Cup has now claimed a permanent, and greatly honoured place, in our fixture lists. We trust that tonight's clash with Sheffield Wednesday will prove to be a real thriller.

MICHAEL WALE AT THE BBC

Our regular columnist Michael Wale has been given his own two-hour show on BBC Radio One from ten till midnight on a Friday night. It's called Rockspeak and is a mixutre of chat and music. This week is the fifth edition of the show which so far has featured star interviews with people like Mick Jagger, Pete Townshend, Ray Davies of The Kinks and Dory Previn. Michael assures us that the Beeb have not been allowed to forget that he is a QPR supporter: "I share an office with John Peel, who is a Liverpool Fan, and our producer, John Walters, who supports Crystal Palace (he must be a very strong man). I noticed that John Peel always had his tea delivered in a Liverpool mug, and Walters in one with the colours of Crystal Palace. So now a smart blue and white Rangers mug has appeared alongside them. By a coincidence, one of the secretaries on Radio One is Ros Kelly, who is related to our one-time goalkeeper Mike Kelly. If anyone is interested in rock music I think you'll find Rockspeak interesting. I know at least one Rangers player who has heard it: Gerry Francis, the club's rock expert. I think we'll have to play a record by the Groundhogs for him. It's one of his favourite groups."

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

1973 - 1974

1973 Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Goalscorers	Attendance
Sat. Aug.	25	**SOUTHAMPTON**	Home	1—1	Givens	18,602
Wed. ,,	29	Norwich City (LC1)	Away	0—0		24,860
Sat. Sept.	1	Manchester United	Away	1—2	Francis	44,156
Tues. ,,	4	**WEST HAM UNITED**	Home	0—0		28,360
Sat. ,,	8	**STOKE CITY**	Home	3—3	Leach, Venables (pen) Mancini	18,118
Mon. ,,	10	West Ham United	Away	3—2	Givens (2), Abbott	26,042
Sat. ,,	15	Everton	Away	0—1		30,795
Sat. ,,	22	**BIRMINGHAM CITY**	Home	2—2	Bowles, Hynd (own goal)	18,701
Sat. ,,	29	Newcastle United	Away	3—2	Thomas, Francis, Leach	31,402
Sat. Oct.	6	**CHELSEA**	Home	1—1	Bowles	30,109
Mon. ,,	8	**TOTTENHAM H.** (FL 2)	Home	1—0	Givens	23,353
Sat. ,,	13	Burnley	Away	1—2	Thomas	18,297
Sat. ,,	20	Wolverhampton Wan d.	Away	4—2	Leach, Francis (pen) Bowles (2)	19,350
Sat. ,,	27	**ARSENAL**	Home	2—0	Bowles, Givens	29,115
Sat. Nov.	3	Derby County	Away	2—1	Francis, Bowles	28,092
Tues. ,,	6	**SHEFFIELD W.** (FL3)	Home			
Sat. ,,	10	**COVENTRY CITY**	Home			
Sat. ,,	17	Manchester City	Away			
Wed. ,,	21	League Cup (4)				
Sat. ,,	24	**LIVERPOOL** (1)	Home			
Sat. Dec.	1	Leeds United	Away			
Sat. ,,	8	**SHEFFIELD UNITED**	Home			
Sat. ,,	15	Leicester City (2)	Away			
Tues. ,,	18	**NEWCASTLE UNITED**	Home			
Wed. ,,	19	League Cup (5)				
Wed. ,,	26	Tottenham H. 3 p.m.	Away			
Sat. ,,	29	Stoke City	Away			
Tues. Jan.	1	**MANCH'TER U.** 3 p.m.	Home			
Sat. ,,	5	F.A. Cup (3)				
Sat. ,,	12	**EVERTON**	Home			
Wed. ,,	16	League Cup Semi-Final				
Sat. ,,	19	Southampton	Away			
Sat. ,,	26	F.A. Cup (4)				
Sat. Feb.	2	**LEICESTER CITY**	Home			
Tues. ,,	5	**NORWICH CITY**	Home			
Sat. ,,	9	Birmingham City	Away			
Sat. ,,	16	**BURNLEY** (5)	Home			
Sat. ,,	23	Chelsea	Away			
Fri. Mar.	1	**TOTTENHAM H.**	Home			
Sat. ,,	2	League Cup Final				
Sat. ,,	9	Arsenal (6)	Away			
Sat. ,,	16	**WOLVERH'PTON W.**	Home			
Sat. ,,	23	Coventry City	Away			
Sat. ,,	30	**DERBY COUNTY** (S.F.)	Home			
Sat. Apr.	6	Liverpool	Away			
Tues. ,,	9	**MANCHESTER CITY**	Home			
Fri. ,,	12	**IPSWICH TOWN**	Home			
Mon. ,,	15	Ipswich Town	Away			
Sat. ,,	20	Sheffield United	Away			
Sat. ,,	27	**LEEDS UNITED**	Home			
Sat. May	4	F.A. Cup Final				

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1973-74

1973				
Sat. Aug.	25	Southampton		6—0
Tues. ,,	28	**WEST HAM UTD.** 2.30 pm		2—0
Sat. Sept.	1	**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**		3—3
Wed. ,,	5	Reading		2—1
Sat. ,,	8	Chelsea		0—1
Tues. ,,	11	**READING** 2.30 pm		2—0
Sat. ,,	15	**BIRMINGHAM CITY**		3—3
Mon. ,,	17	West Ham United		1—2
Sat. ,,	22	Luton Town		1—5
Mon. ,,	29	Millwall (LCC) 7.30 pm		1—0
Sat. ,,	29	**LEICESTER CITY**		0—0
Wed. Oct.	3	Oxford United		1—2
Sat. ,,	20	**FULHAM**		1—1
Sat. ,,	27	Arsenal		1—1
Sat. Nov.	3	**BOURNEMOUTH**	Home	
Tues. ,,	13	**LUTON TOWN** 2.30 pm	Home	
Sat. ,,	17	**BRISTOL CITY**	Home	
Sat. ,,	24	Swansea City	Away	
Sat. Dec.	1	**CRYSTAL PALACE**	Home	
Tues. ,,	4	Plymouth Argyle	Away	
Sat. ,,	15	**BRISTOL ROVERS**	Home	
Sat. ,,	22	Norwich City	Away	
Sat. ,,	29	**SOUTHAMPTON**	Home	
1974				
Tues. Jan.	1	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	
Sat. ,,	5	**IPSWICH TOWN**	Home	
Sat. ,,	12	Birmingham City	Away	
Tues. ,,	15	Swindon Town	Away	
Sat. ,,	19	**CHELSEA**	Home	
Sat. ,,	26	Ipswich Town	Away	
Sat. Feb.	2	Leicester City	Away	
Sat. ,,	9	**OXFORD UNITED**	Home	
Wed. ,,	20	Cardiff City 7.30 pm	Away	
Sat. ,,	23	**NORWICH CITY**	Home	
Sat. Mar.	2	Bristol Rovers	Away	
Tues. ,,	5	**CARDIFF CITY** 2.30 pm	Home	
Sat. ,,	9	**ARSENAL**	Home	
Sat. ,,	16	Fulham	Away	
Sat. ,,	23	**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE**	Home	
Wed. Apr.	3	Bournemouth	Away	
Sat. ,,	6	**SWANSEA CITY**	Home	
Sat. ,,	13	Bristol City	Away	
Sat. ,,	20	**SWINDON TOWN**	Home	
Sat. ,,	27	Crystal Palace	Away	

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION I up to and including 3rd Nov. '73

	HOME						AWAY					
				Goals						Goals		
P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
14	5	2	0	16	4	Leeds United	6	1	0	13	4	25
14	5	1	2	13	7	Newcastle United	3	2	1	11	7	19
15	5	3	0	10	3	Everton	2	2	2	7	7	19
14	3	4	0	11	6	Burnley	4	1	2	12	8	19
15	6	1	1	17	8	Derby County	1	3	3	2	5	18
14	6	0	0	10	3	Liverpool	1	3	4	5	8	17
14	3	2	1	9	7	Ipswich Town	3	3	2	13	13	17
14	1	5	0	9	7	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	4	1	3	14	12	16
14	4	2	1	14	7	Southampton	2	2	3	6	12	16
15	5	1	3	10	7	Coventry City	1	2	3	4	7	15
14	4	1	1	10	6	Manchester City	1	3	4	5	10	14
14	2	3	2	10	7	Sheffield United	3	0	4	6	10	13
14	1	3	2	5	7	Leicester City	2	4	2	9	8	13
14	4	2	2	10	7	Manchester United	0	2	4	2	8	12
14	2	0	4	6	10	Tottenham Hotspur	2	4	2	9	9	12
14	4	1	3	9	8	Arsenal	1	1	4	5	11	12
14	3	1	2	12	8	Chelsea	1	2	5	9	13	11
14	2	3	1	8	4	Stoke City	0	3	5	7	14	10
14	2	4	2	6	8	Norwich City	0	2	4	5	12	10
14	3	2	3	10	11	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0	1	5	5	14	9
14	0	3	4	7	11	West Ham United	1	2	4	5	12	7
14	1	2	4	6	13	Birmingham City	0	2	5	5	14	6

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION I

v. Derby County, 3rd Nov., '73 2—1.

F.A. YOUTH CUP

v. Gillingham, 29th Sept., '73. 5—2.
Calder, Barker, Euston, Jones, Stewart, Hewson, Smith, Mason, Male, Wilson, Trower.
Scorers: Male (2), Wilson (2), Barker.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

v. Fulham, 20th Oct., '73. 1—1
Teale, Williams, Gillard, Kempton, Evans, Seary, Busby, Beck, O'Rourke, Abbott, Mayes.
Scorer: Mayes.

v. Arensal, 27th Oct., '73 1—1
Teale, Williams, Gillard, Kempton, Evans, Delve, Beck, Mayes, Abbott, French, O'Rourke.
Scorer: Evans.

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP

v. Brentford, 31st Oct., '73. 2—1
Teale, Williams, Gillard, Kempton, Evans, Delve, Busby, Mayes, Beck, O'Rourke, Abbott.
Scorers: Busby, Mayes.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION
(Up to Tuesday, 30th October, 1973)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
AFC Bournemouth	15	12	2	1	35	11	26
Norwich City	14	10	2	2	28	8	22
Birmingham City	14	8	2	4	15	9	18
Luton Town	13	7	2	4	36	22	16
Swindon Town	13	6	4	3	22	15	16
Leicester City	13	5	5	3	20	10	15
Crystal Palace	11	6	3	2	14	10	15
Oxford United	11	6	2	3	12	8	14
Ipswich Town	14	5	4	5	23	25	14
Plymouth Argyle	12	5	3	4	22	14	13
Q.P.R.	13	4	5	4	23	19	13
Tottenham Hotspur	12	4	5	3	14	13	13
Bristol Rovers	14	3	7	4	14	21	13
West Ham United	12	5	2	5	13	15	12
Fulham	11	3	4	4	13	13	10
Chelsea	14	4	2	8	22	24	10
Swansea City	12	3	3	6	17	22	9
Southampton	14	2	5	7	15	36	9
Arsenal	11	2	4	5	9	17	8
Bristol City	13	2	1	10	10	29	5
Cardiff City	11	1	2	7	3	20	4
Reading	10	0	1	9	5	24	1

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Please give generously when you see our collecting boxes at the next home game—and support QPR in the help they are giving the Queens Park area.

Next Home Games

Football League, Division I
COVENTRY CITY
Saturday Nov 10 K.O. 3 p.m.

Football Combination
LUTON TOWN
Tuesday Nov 13 K.O. 2.30 p.m.

Football Combination
BRISTOL CITY
Saturday Nov 17 K.O. 3 p.m.

Football League, Division I
LIVERPOOL
Saturday Nov 24 K.O. 3 p.m.

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IT'S A RECORD!

THE VITAL FACTS ON RECENT GAMES

	v. WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.		v. ARSENAL	
GROUND	Molyneux		Home	
DATE	Saturday 20th October '73 (K.O. 3 p.m.)		Saturday 27th October '73 (K.O. 3 p.m.)	
ATTENDANCE	19350		29115	
PLAYING CONDITIONS	Sunny after rain earlier Pitch greasy		Mild with blinding sun-shine Pitch soft	
FIXTURE DETAILS	Football League, Div. I (7th away game)		Football League, Div. I (6th home game)	
TEAMS	QPR (14th in Div. I)	WOLVES (19th in Div. I)	QPR (12th in Div. I)	ARSENAL (14th in Div. I)
	Parkes Clement Hazell Venables Mancini McLintock Thomas Francis Leach Bowles Givens (Delve substituted for Givens in 80th minute)	Pierce Taylor Parkin Hegan Munro McAlle McCalliog Hibbitt Richards Dougan Daley (Sunderland substituted for Dougan in 60th minute)	Parkes Clement Hazell Venables Mancini McLintock Francis Bowles Thomas Leach Givens	Wilson McNab Rice Simpson Batson Kelly Powling Kennedy Storey Armstrong George
GOALS	Bowles (2) Leach Francis (pen)	Richards Daley	Givens Bowles	
RESULT	(0) 4	(1) 2	(0) 2	(0) 0
RANGERS REPORT	Rampant Rangers once again confounded all the experts who confidently predicted a Wolves win. A grand match and a correct result.		Rangers first League win over Arsenal; first home League win over a Division One London club; and first home League win of the season. A considerable triumph.	
AND THE PRESS SAID	This was Rangers third away win and they deserved it. Wolves failed to make use of their chances. Dougan laid on two good chances for Richards, but he fumbled both before driving Daley's header past Parkes to put Wolves ahead just before half time. It was a scarcely deserved advantage. For Rangers were always the more composed and inventive in attack, pressing the Wolves defence hard. However, the equaliser came after an hour. Venables side-footed to Stan Bowles whose shot along the ground eluded defenders and Pierce. Leach then put Rangers in front with a shot from Thomas's corner that went in off the bar. But a minute later Wolves were on terms again. A cross from Daley was deflected into goal off McLintock's shoulder with Sunderland also appearing to have a hand in it. Rangers now began to get the upper hand. Thomas ran most of the field and outpaced the defence before centering to Bowles who ran round Pierce to tap the ball home. Finally, to add to Wolves misfortunes, McAlle foulded Leach in the penalty area in the 88th minute and Francis scored from the spot. (Peter Castle, "Sunday Telegraph".)		TOPS! RANGERS WHIP ARSENAL ("Evening News") NO BULL NOW AT THE OLD BUSH ("Sunday Times") RANGERS POWER BLASTS GUNNERS "QPR strikers Don Givens and Stan Bowles blasted second half goals to shatter Arsenal in a throbbing Derby game at Loftus Road today. Rangers blossoming ability to create space with inch-perfect passing and controlled running dislodged Arsenal's defence in the opening 20 minutes." ("Evening Standard".) THE BEST IN TOWN "Rangers emerged as London's top team. It was a Shepherds Bush success savoured happily by ex-chief gunner Frank McLintock but the final word came from Steve Burtenshaw, the man who left Arsenal and is now QPR coach 'On the day the better side won.'" ("News of the World".) NOW McLINTOCK CAN SMILE! "QPR's dearest dream was the downfall of Arsenal and they achieved it with stirling courage and skill. After it was all over, no-one was talking much on the Arsenal side. They just disappeared silently into the gathering dusk." ("Sunday Express".)	

The latest Ranger Souvenirs

The following items are available for sale from the Pools Office, South Africa Road (above the Blue and White Club) during normal office hours during the week. We are only too pleased to despatch any items by post.

Send a Rangers Christmas Gift Parcel to your friends or family, any value from 25p to £5.00 we will post on your behalf.

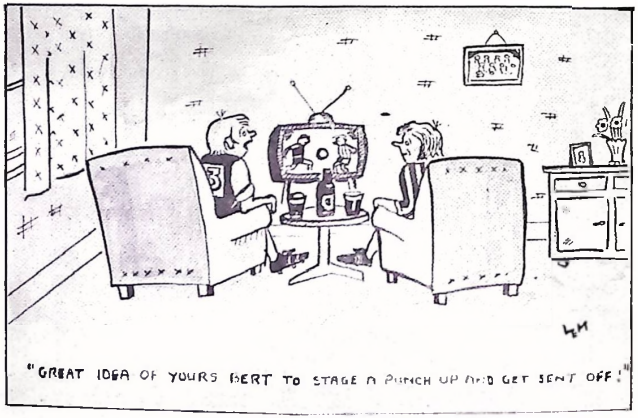
Item	Price	Postage
Senior Membership	15p	3½p
Junior Membership (under 15 years)	10p	3½p
Metal Lapel Badges	25p	3½p
Key Fobs	20p	3½p
Medallions (Illustrated) ...	40p	3½p
Rings	30p	3½p
Silk Scarves	55p	6p
Woollen Scarves	80p	8p
Bobble Hats	55p	5p
Plastic Hats	20p	5p
Crimplene Hats	55p	5p
Pennants	25p	5p
Special Pennants	£1.00	8p
Rosettes	13p	3½p
V signs (Illustrated)	33p	3½p
Stick on Badges	6p	2½p
Car Stickers	10p	3½p
Tankards (with Q.P.R. Badge, etc.)	60p	15p
Q.P.R. Mugs	33p	10p
T Shirts	50p	10p
Ties	£1.00	5p
Blazer Badges	30p	3½p
Programme Binders ...	80p	15p
History of Q.P.R.	50p	10p

Item	Price	Postage
Small Footballs	22p	3½p
Small boots	22p	3½p
Photograph of Team ...	25p	3½p
Shorts 30" to 34" (White) ...	70p	6p
Socks Medium and Large (White)	45p & 60p	6p
Blue and White hooped shirts		
Small Boys	£1.85	10p
Boys	£1.95	10p
Youths	£2.20	10p
Small Mens	£2.50	10p
Mens	£2.60	10p
Q.P.R. Holdalls	£1.10	10p
Cushions	50p	8p
Q.P.R. Gonks	£1.50	15p
Car Badges	£1.20	5p
Q.P.R. Record	50p	5p
Teddy Bear (Blue and White small)	80p	10p
Teddy Bear (Larger with shorts)	85p	10p
Blue and White Gonks (will hang in car, etc.)	85p	10p
Good News-Bad News car hangers (in Q.P.R. colours)	35p	5p
Car Mascots (Blue and White)	70p	10p
Pens	3p	3½p

SOCCARTOONS

By Len Marshall

"NO... I'M SORRY SIR... WE DO NOT DO ONE IN BLUE AND WHITE HOOPS!"



"GREAT IDEA OF YOURS BERT TO STAGE A PUNCH UP AND GET SENT OFF!"

RANGER TO RANGER

This is the column that gives you a chance to air your views in print. The replies are by Editor, Ron Phillips. **If you have a spare photo, send it along with your letter and we'll try to find room for it.**

6 Roskon Grove, Farnham Royal,
Dear Mr. Phillips, Sough, Bucks, SL2 3DZ
What a scoop to secure the Band of the 1st Battalion Royal Fusiliers, as pre-match entertainment. In spectacle and performance it was first-rate and (like so many supporters around me in the Ellerslie oRad Stand) I hope that there are other similar live band treats in store.
Yours sincerely, H. G. R. WHEELER.

★ **Mr. J. P. JONES, Staines, Middx., also wrote to say how delighted the spectators at the Chelsea match were with the military band. We agree the spectacle was marvellous—but they are a little too expensive for us to entertain them here too often.**

49a St. Helens Gnds., N. Kensington,
Dears Sirs, London, W.10.
As well as being a fanatical Rangers supporter, I do a little bit of drawing and painting in my spare time, so I thought I would send one of my pictures for possible publication in your excellent programme.
Yours sincerely, C. SKERRET.
P.S.—The player is Dave Clement.

★ **Miss Sherret's very skilful composition appears below. What do you think of it? (In our next programme we shall devote a full page to the drawings of paintings of the children of The Barlby Junior School, London, W.10.**

"Marandellas", Silverdale Avenue,
Ashley Park, Walton-on-Thames,
Dear Mr. Phillips, Surrey, KT12 1EJ
As supporters of some long standing my wife and I thought that the enclosed photograph of one of our sheepdog's recent litter may amuse the readers of "Ranger to Ranger". His Kennel Club name is "Shaggyshoes Mighty Ranger", and his official colours are blue and white! No accident that! His owners have now moved to Scotland where I understand that he has been adopted as a mascot by a Scottish Senior side. After the inflated price asked for him because of his exalted name I would hate to have to write to the owners and admit that he was a "Second Division" dog at the end of the season, so keep up the great start and perhaps he can show the dachshunds and poodles, etc., a thing or two in Europe next year.
Best wishes, ALAN & BRENDA LAWSON

★ **"Shaggyshoes Mighty Rangers"? reminds us of one of the present team.**

1 Tower View, Tarrant Launceston,
Dear Sir, Blandford Forum, Dorset.
I wonder if it will be possible to send me an autograph sheet and a price list. As my brother likes Bournemouth, Robin took his friend to see Bournemouth. Lesley my sister went to see the game against Spurs and I went to see the game against Man. Utd. But it's awkward to get it myself. I have seen you play only on the telly and last time you were home to Chelsea. I thought my sister saw my uncle at least she thought it was. I have some of the programmes in the 2nd Div. and the first and a scarf and a jumper with short sleeves with Q.P.R. Are The Greatest on it in blue and it is white.
Thank you, (Miss) ROSEMARY EVANS

★ **You've lost us. If you thought your sister saw your uncle, who did SHE think it was? And if you only saw us play on the telly, what was going on at Manchester United? And how did Robin and Bournemouth get into all this?**

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SCORERS	QUEENS PARK RANGERS
	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Colours:
Shirts Blue & White Hoops
Shorts White

Manager: **Gordon Jago**
Coach: **Steve Burtenshaw**

1
PHIL PARKES

2
DAVE CLEMENT

3
TONY HAZELL

4
TERRY VENABLES
(Captain)

5
TERRY MANCINI

6
FRANK McLINTOCK

8
GERRY FRANCIS

10
STAN BOWLES

7
DAVE THOMAS

9
MICK LEACH

11
DON GIVENS

Referee:
Mr. T. H. C. REYNOLDS
(Swansea)

Linesmen:
Mr. J. W. CRAIGIE
(Red Flag)
Mr. M. C. DIXON
(Yellow Flag)

11
RAY COYLE

9
BRIAN JOICEY

7
ERIC POTTS

10
MICK PRENDERGAST

8
EDDIE PRUDHAM

6
KEN KNIGHTON

5
JIMMY MULLEN

4
ALAN THOMPSON

3
BERNARD SHAW
(Captain)

2
DANNY CAMERON

1
PETER SPRINGETT

Manager: **Derek Dooley**
Coach: **Gerry Young**

Colours:
Tangerine Shirts
Tangerine Shorts

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

RESULT—Q.P.R.	8	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	2